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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 19

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- U.S. SOVERAGE LIGHT AND CRITICAL, FOCUSING ON KANSAS CITY, RADIOS LIBERTY, AND FREE EUROPE, AND PENTAGON PLANS FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC PACT. OTHER INTERNATIONAL ITEMS CONTINUE TO SHOW EVIDENCE THAT AUGUST DOLDRUMS HAVE HIT USSR.

-- IN LONG ARTICLE ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS ENTITLED

"REAL LOGIC VERSUS SCHOLASTICISM", PRAVDA'S VIENNA CORRESPONDENT I. MEL'NIKOV CONTRASTS "REALISTIC" POSITION OF WP POSITION, AND ESPECIALLY FEB 19 "COMPROMISE PLAN", WITH WESTERN POSITION ALLEGEDLY AGAINST "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE" OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.

-- PRAVDA LEBANON COVERAGE CITES HUMANITE'S STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN TROOPS FROM LEBANON AND GEORGES MARCHAIS' RADIO INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY INDICATED HIS DEMAND FOR SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL. PRAVDA COVERAGE CONCLUDES WITH TASS REPORT OF MESSAGE DELIVERED AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE IN MOSCOW BY LOCAL PLO REP ASH-SHA'IR.

-- ALL MEDIA CONTINUE PROMINENT COVERAGE OF THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. PRAVDA ADDS A COMMENTARY (BY PAVEL DEMCHENKO) REAFFIRMING THE COMMON ANTI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPERIALIST GOALS OF "SOCIALIST" AND "NON-ALIGNED" COUNTRIES, AND BLASTS PEKING FOR LUMPING THE "SUPERPOWERS" TOGETHER:

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES A LONG COMMENTARY (BY G. APALIN) ON PEKING'S ALLEGED DISTORTIONS ABOUT SOVIET-CEMA COOPERATION.

2. U.S. COVERAGE LIGHT AND CRITICAL.

-- IZVESTIYA AND TV COVERAGE

GIVE STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNTS OF REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, NOTING POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN FORD AND REAGAN, SUPPORTERS. PRAVDA, HOWEVER, CARRIES ARTICLE AUGUST 19 ON "CONTRADICTORY PROGRAM" IN PARTY PLATFORM. IT NOTES SUPPORT IN PLATFORM FOR VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENTS, TTBT AND INCREASED TRADE WITH USSR, AS WELL AS HIGH DEFENSE BUDGET WHICH, PRAVDA SAYS, WILL "JUSTIFY" THE ARMS RACE. REAGAN FORCES, PARTICULARLY SENATOR HELMS, ARE GIVEN LION'S SHARE OF BLAME FOR BAD SECTION AND "COLD WAR" LANGUAGE IN PLATFORM.

-- KZ CARRIES TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON ON U.S. FORCES OVERSEAS, QUOTING EISENHOWER AND SENATOR SYMINGTON ON BURDEN THIS PLACES ON U.S. ECONOMY AND TAXPAYER;

-- SHORT PRAVDA PIECE NOTES GROWING ACTIVITY AT U.S. BASE ON ITALIAN ISLAND OF MADDALENA AND SEES RADIO-ACTIVE DANGER FROM NUCLEAR SUBS AS BASE IS ACTIVATED;

-- IZVESTIYA REJECTS STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BROWN'S INVOCATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT ON BEHALF OF RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE, "CENTER OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE." THIS ATTEMPT TO USE THE HELSINKI ACCORDS SHOWS AN "INADEQUATE ATTITUDE" TOWARD THE PLEDGES AND THE "HIGH PRINCIPLES OF HELSINKI;"

-- IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" BY L. KAMYNIN BUILDS ON EVENTS GOING BACK TO 1950'S AND ON OVERSEAS PRESS ACCOUNTS TO DESCRIBE PENTAGON'S PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A SOUTH ATLANTIC PACT--A MILITARY ALLIANCE OF U.S., SOUTH AFRICAN, AND CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES. KEY TO THESE "STRATEGIC CALCULATIONS," SAYS KAMYNIN, IS NOT ONLY TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA, BUT TO UTILIZE SOUTH AFRICA AS A WEAPON OF IMPERIALIST FORCES.

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